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PATENTAMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 3, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 6 as follows:

With the absorbent articles described above, it is also important that the absorbent article is adapted to the shape of the wearer's body, preferably conforming to the shape of the wearer's body, so that the wearer is not hindered by the absorbent article. It is especially preferable for the absorbent article not to be perceived by the wearer at all. Furthermore, the absorbent article should be prevented from rubbing against the wearer's body in a manner that would be unpleasant for the wearer, even leading to red and irritated skin. There have been various proposals for achieving such an optimum suppleness and adaptability to the wearer's body. Many of these proposals concern the use of materials that are already rather supple anyway and therefore offer increased comfort for wear. However, such materials are often less suitable than an absorbent material for their actual function. A typical absorbent material such as ~~Eoform~~ coform will have a certain stiffness which can be reduced only by also surrendering certain advantageous absorbent properties.

On page 15, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 28 as follows:

A preferred material for the absorbent layer is a ~~Eoform~~ coform material which contains, for example, cellulose and polypropylene in a weight ratio of 70:30 and has a basis weight of 150 g/m² and is used together with a polypropylene spunbonded nonwoven backing with a basis weight of 17 g/m². As an alternative, for example, a ~~Eoform~~ coform material containing

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cellulose and polypropylene in a weight ratio of 60:40 and having a basis weight of 90 g/m² may also be used together with a polypropylene spunbonded nonwoven backing with a basis weight of 20 g/m².

On page 16, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 22 as follows:

The transfer layer and/or the minimum of one layer of the absorbent body facing the wearer's body are preferably punched or cut out and applied to one or more other absorbent layer(s) of the absorbent body, preferably made of ~~Coferm~~ coform, and preferably bonded together by one of the possible methods mentioned above.

On page 18, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 27 as follows:

Furthermore, the absorbent body according to the present invention may include a flow layer and a reservoir layer in a manner familiar to those skilled in the art. Suitable flow layers are made, for example, of cellulose, cellulose-synthetic fiber blends such as ~~Coferm~~ coform materials, airlaid-cellulose-synthetic fiber blends, foam materials or high-loft nonwovens and they may contain superabsorbers as an additional component.

On page 29, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 23 as follows:

The layer of the absorbent body 5 facing the wearer's body is arranged beneath the transfer layer 4. The transfer layer 4 and the layer of the absorbent body 5 facing the wearer's body are

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bonded together by means of a hot-melt adhesive 2. The transfer layer 4 and the layer of the absorbent body 5 facing the wearer's body are punched out in the form of an oval in the present advantageous embodiment of this invention, and they are arranged in the central area of the sanitary napkin. The oval shape has a length of 110 mm, for example, and a width of 45 mm. The layer of the absorbent body 5 facing the wearer's body is made of a ~~Eoform~~ coform material, for example, containing cellulose and polypropylene in a weight ratio of 70:30 and having a basis weight of 150 g/m². It is used together with a spun-bonded nonwoven carrier of polypropylene with a basis weight of 17 g/m². The laminate of ~~Eoform~~ coform material and spunbonded nonwoven carrier has a line embossing with compressed areas.

On page 30, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 14 as follows:

The layer of the absorbent body 6 facing away from the wearer's body is arranged beneath the layer of the absorbent body 5 facing the wearer's body. The layer of the absorbent body 6 extends essentially over the same area as the central cover layer 3, but is shorter in the area of the rounded transverse ends of the sanitary napkin, so that the central cover layer 3 projects over the layer of the absorbent body 6 facing away from the wearer's body in this area. The layer of the absorbent body 6 facing away from the wearer's body may be 220 mm long and 70 mm wide, for example, and made of a ~~Eoform~~ coform material of cellulose and polypropylene in a weight ratio of 60:40 and with a basis weight of 90 g/m². It is used together with a spunbonded nonwoven carrier of polypropylene with a basis weight of 20 g/m².